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The Service for the Lord's Day

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PRELUDE

Upon the Willows
Debra Whitman, harp

Brook Boddie

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Left alone by the Jabbock, Jacob wrestled with himself...
with his deceptions, his failures, and his regrets.

We know how it feels to be alone with our mistakes. We all have our debts to pay.

Left alone by the Jabbock, Jacob wrestled with a stranger...
with a man who came out of nowhere.

We know how it feels to struggle against the world. It can be a hurtful place.

Left alone by the Jabbock, Jacob wrestled with God...
holding on for dear life, hoping for a blessing.

We know how it feels to seek approval from heaven. We long to know the Lord by name.

With faith and hope, let us worship God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*OPENING HYMN 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, we bow our heads in these moments to ask for your grace...

Like Jacob we have been motivated by self-interest;

Like Jacob we have deceived others and deceived ourselves;

**Like Jacob we have done regrettable things we should not have done,
and failed to do good things that we should have done.**

And yet, O Lord, we dare to ask you to accept us as we are...

Like Jacob, we ask you to heal what is broken in us;

Like Jacob, we come asking for your blessing;

**Like Jacob, we ask you to make us part of your story, and to help us walk
in your light.**

(time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

O Lord, we welcome Your presence and Your wisdom this morning. We pray that You will speak to us a new Word, and a life-changing Word, to the glory of Christ our Savior, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:13-21

NT, page 16

ANTHEM

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Richard Webster

*Come, O Thou Traveler unknown, Whom still I hold but cannot see;
My company before is gone, And I am left alone with Thee;
With Thee all night I mean to stay, And wrestle till the break of day.
I need not tell Thee who I am, My sin and misery declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name, Look on Thy hands, and read it there;
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou? Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.
Yield to me now, for I am weak, But confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak, Be conquered by my instant prayer;
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move, And tell me if Thy name be Love.
'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear Thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee: Pure, universal Love Thou art;
To me, to all Thy mercies move; Thy nature and Thy name is Love.*

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-31

OT, page 30

SERMON

“On the Banks of the Jabbok”

Rev. Bynum

*HYMN 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *In the Lord I'll Be Ever, Thankful* J. Berthier
(Choir and congregation singing)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Claunch

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

Aquatintes No. 4
Debra Whitman, harp

Bernard Andrès

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated at this time.*

**please stand if you are able*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your voice and presence would be a gift to our worship! If you would be willing to be a liturgist, please scan the QR code to the right or email the office at broodal@lacny.org.



If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please either scan the QR code to the right or contact the office at broodal@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



Nursery Care: Available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley/Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

3:15 pm At Home on the Sound (Russell Hall)

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)

7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

7:00 pm Summer Women's Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)



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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

D G Bm A

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in

D G Bm A A7 D G D

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

Bm G F#m A D

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un-to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be-side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal-i-lee.

Be-yond the sa-cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond-age cease, all fet-ters fall.

My spir-it pants for thee, O liv-ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.

TEXT: Mary Ann Lathbury, 1877, alt.
MUSIC: William Fisk Sherwin, 1877, alt.

BREAD OF LIFE
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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.